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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Vincent L. CHIANG et al.
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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated September 19, 2006, and the Advisory Action dated January 23, 2007, Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 19, 2006, and a request for continued examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this submission. The appropriate fees are enclosed to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document. **Remarks** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.